

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Tallis Y. Chang, et al.

Serial No: 10/039,838

Filed: November 6, 2001

For: TAP COUPLERS FOR FIBER OPTIC ARRAYS

Art Unit: 2874

Confirmation No.: 9358

Examiner: Ellen E. Kim

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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- Small entity status has been claimed. See 37 CFR § 1.27.  
 Petition for Extension of Time in duplicate is enclosed.

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

	(Col. 1) CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		(Col. 2) HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	(Col. 3) PRESENT EXTRA*	LG/SM \$ ENTITY FEE	ADD'L FEE DUE
TOTAL CLAIMS FEE	16	-	31 **	0	LG=\$18 SM=\$9	\$0
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS FEE	2	-	4 ***	0	LG=\$86 SM=\$43	\$0
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS					LARGE ENTITY FEE = \$290 SMALL ENTITY FEE = \$145	\$0
					<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$0</b>

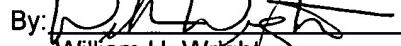
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- A check in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_ to cover the additional claims fee is enclosed. **A copy of this sheet is enclosed.**
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- Any filing fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 for the presentation of extra claims
- Any patent application processing fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17

Respectfully submitted,  
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### AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

This is response to the Office Action dated March 17, 2004. The time period for responding to the outstanding Office Action is extended to August 17, 2004 by the enclosed petition for two month extension of time. Please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.